

# Edlesborough Parish Council

## Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall

<b>Item</b>	<b>Content/Decision</b>	<b>Next Review Date</b>
<b><u>Present</u></b>	Mr. Wilkinson (Chairman) Mrs Prys-Jones, Mr. Cabbage, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Clerk - Lin Sargeant	.
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	Mrs. Thompson (due to illness) Mr. Wilson who is retiring from the General Purpose Committee due to work commitments.	.
<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>	None declared at commencement of meeting	.
<b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b>	Signed as a correct record	.
<b><u>Held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009</u></b>		
<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	Referred to under following Agenda headings	.
<b><u>Review of Charges</u></b>	Cricket Club have paid outstanding Invoice. Clerk now to issue Invoices for bi-annual payments (Oct '09 – Mar '10) to both Cricket and Tennis Clubs to reflect the increases back-dated to 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2009.	February 2010
<b><u>Fixed Assets (Land etc. interests)</u></b>	Clerk continuing to compile data and to establish when the last Rent Charge payment was made to Mr. P. Pratt regarding Northall Allotments. Rent Charge amounts to £4.82 per annum. Committee to discuss the Rent Charge with Mr. Pratt to negotiate a one off payment in order to settle this matter once and for all.	February 2010
<b><u>Edlesborough Memorial Hall</u></b>	.	.
Clerk's Report	Cleaner has now returned to work after her illness. A set of saucepans has been purchased for the use of hirers. Due to continual light bulbs failing in the Toilets an electrical wiring inspection has been made and alternative light bulbs now being used.	February 2010
	3 new weekly bookings have been confirmed and Hall lettings have increased by 14.5% over recent months.	
<b><u>Boilers/Heating System</u></b>	The scheduled meeting with British Gas to discuss the heating system had to be cancelled due to bad weather, this will hopefully be re-scheduled for week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> January.	

<u>Decorating</u>	The Clerk brought to the attention of the committee the condition of the lower part of the walls in the Memorial Hall. Following discussion it was agreed by the GPC to add a dado rail at the same height as the window cills, this to be stained to match the picture rail and beams. It was also agreed that re-decoration, consisting of 2 coats of paint, should be carried out to all walls up to picture rail height using a darker colour beneath the dado rail. Hirers to be informed that no blue-tac should be used on the walls. The Clerk was authorised to obtain 3 quotations.	February 2010
<u>Under 5's</u>	At the request of Under 5's the Parish Council, after consulting with Health & Safety, Bucks CC and our insurance company, agreed to provide snow clearing liquid in order to clear a pathway from the pavement to the front door of the Hall. A pathway was cleared on the morning of 5 <sup>th</sup> January by the Handyman.	
<u>Utility bills for Memorial Hall &amp; Pavilion</u>	This item to remain on the Agenda. No further increases notified to date.	February 2010
<u>Edlesborough Green (including play equipment, car park, sports activities etc.)</u>	.	.
Play Equipment	The roundabout has been repaired and a new seat put on one of the swings.	February 2010
Litter Bins	3 new litter bins have been erected in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall, an additional litter bin will be erected in High Street, Edlesborough when weather conditions improve.	February 2010
Kick Wall	Quite a number of parishioners have responded to the recent article in 'Focus' Mr. Cubbage agreed to carry out an analysis of the responses.	February 2010
	Some of the responses referred to the unsociable behaviour problems encountered in the Memorial Hall and Pavilion car parks, and the committee discussed ways of trying to stamp out this problem - one of which being to install lockable gates. Clerk was authorised to contact PC Jared Levens for his ideas/advice.	
	If the eventual outcome involves the locking and unlocking of gates, the Committee felt that consideration should be given to paying someone to do this work, rather than having to rely upon volunteers. Similarly, it is somewhat unfair to have to rely upon volunteers to litter-pick the Green. Accordingly, it was felt that parishioners should be asked for their views on this.	
<u>Edlesborough Green Pavilion</u>	.	February 2010
<u>Beautifying the Pavilion</u>	The GPC discussed the early feedbacks from parishioners to the 'Focus' and Dunstable Gazette articles. Mr. Cubbage agreed to carry out an analysis of the responses, following which it was likely that further discussion and community involvement would be necessary, as this is a matter that cannot be solved quickly.	February 2010

**Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Allotments**

Clerk's Report . February 2010  
One allotment has been re-let at the Green with others having been offered to parishioners on the waiting list and one of the previously redundant plots let at Cow Lane. Another allotment is likely to be re-let at Northall.

**Edlesborough Cemetery/Churchyard**

Clerk's Report . February 2010  
No burials have taken place in recent weeks.

**Steps up to the Church entrance**

GPC have been made aware that work is due to begin on the re-organising of the approach steps to the Church for which planning permission was granted in 2005. Clerk to write to The Churches Conservation Trust asking them to ensure that no damage is done to the newly resurfaced bridleway whilst works are in progress and for it to be responsible for any reinstatement that may be required. February 2010

**Cemetery Access/Bridleway Gate**

Clerk's Report . February 2010  
No further problems of vandalism have been reported and GPC will discuss again the provision of a replacement gate.

**Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Street Lighting**

Clerk's Report . February 2010  
One or two lights have malfunctioned and will be repaired as soon as parts are available and weather conditions permit.

**Highways/Byways/Footpaths**

Clerk's Report . February 2010  
The footpath abutting Dagnall allotments requires clearing of debris and cutting of the hedge. A new wayleave post will be erected by Bucks CC.

**AVDC & BCC responsibilities**

Clerk's Report . February 2010  
Newly formed pot holes in Edlesborough High Street and surrounding roads have been reported, some of which have already been repaired.

The non-illuminated 40mph sign at Northall has been reported as faulty.

Bucks CC Area Technician is considering how best to solve the problem of the severe pot holes in The Green caused by the difference in heights of the road and verge together with the continual parking of contractors' vehicles and parked cars.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm